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SUBJECT: STUDENTS VIOLENCE IMPACTS ON BLACK AND WHITE BUSINESSES

1. THE RAND DAILY MAIL OF AUGUST 9 CARRIED A FRONT PAGE SUMMARY OF POLICE RESPONSE TO STUDENT INCIDENTS IN SOWETO, AT EVATON NEAR VEREENIGING AND THROUGHOUT THE REEF AS FAR AS PRETORIA.

2. INCLUDED WAS AN ITEM AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE THE DAMAGE TO THE BARCLAYS BANK AGENCY AT GA-RANKU, BOPHUTHATSWANA, IS AN ISOLATED INCIDENT OF SERIOUS ARSON AT THE WEEKEND, WAS ESTIMATE YESTERDAY AT R90,000. THE NEARBY OFFICES OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL FEDERATED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE AFRICA BANK WERE ALSO DAMAGED IN THE INCIDENT UNQUOTE

3. COMMENT: BARCLAYS HEAD OFFICE IN JOHANNESBURG HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE BARCLAYS BRANCH WAS DESTROYED. SPOKESMEN FOR THE AFRICAN NATIONAL BANK HEADQUARTERS AND THE AFRICAN NATIONAL FEDERATED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN JOHANNESBURG SAID THAT DAMAGE TO BOTH ORGANIZATIONS WAS MINIMAL AND THAT THEY ARE BOTH BACK IN BUSINESS. THE BANK AND CHAMBER SPOKESMEN SAID THAT IT IS THEIR UNCLASSIFIED

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VIEW THAT THE STUDENT ACTIONS WERE AGAINST THE BANTU INVESTMENT CORPORATION IN WHOSE BUILDINGS THE ORGANIZATIONS ARE HOUSED AND WERE NOT AIMED AT THE BLACK ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ARE WELL KNOWN TO BE SERVING THE BLACK COMMUNITIES. BARCLAYS BANK ALSO HOUSED IN A BIC BUILDING HAD THE MISFORTUNE OF BEING NEXT TO A SUPERMARKET, WAS DESTROYED. HEADQUARTERS SPOKESMEN IN JOHANNESBURG

SAID THAT WHILE A SERIOUS SETBACK THE FACILITY WOULD
BE RE-ESTABLISHED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO SERVE THE
BLACK COMMUNITY. JOHNSON

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